

CALL FOR PAPERS: The Politics and Economics of Wildfire Policy

Each summer wildfires burn hundreds of thousands of acres, destroy property, and too often injure or kill people while costing millions to control. Variations in climate, increased fuel loads due to decades of fire prevention, and budget constraints combine to make wildfire policy increasingly contentious, even as we gain knowledge about fire's beneficial effects.

The Property and Environment Research Center (PERC) and the Bren School of Environmental Science & Management are sponsoring a conference on “The Politics and Economics of Wildfire Policy.” We seek seven papers from the fields of economics, political science, law, and related disciplines that will consider the science, history, economics, and politics of managing fire-prone landscapes. We are particularly interested in the interface between science, economics, and politics as it affects wildfire management.

The conference will be held at the Bren School, University of California, Santa Barbara on October 27-28. PERC will pay honoraria and travel stipends to presenters of papers, travel stipends to discussants, and housing and meals to all conference participants. Papers must not have been previously published, but PERC does not claim any publication or other rights to the papers. Please submit a short proposal (2-3 pages) or a copy of the paper itself via email to one of the conference directors:

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Deadline for submissions is June 15.